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SUBJECT: Reporting Potential Natural Disasters

TO: All State Directors, FmHA

There have been instances where State Governors' requests to the Secretary for natural disaster designations, to make physical and production loss loans available, were made later than 3 months after the ending date of the potential natural disaster, as required in FmHA Instruction 1945-A, Section 1945.20 (b).

FmHA Instruction 1945-A, Section 1945.19 prescribes the reporting responsibilities of each County Supervisor and each State Director.

It is the responsibility of each County Supervisor to immediately report to his/her State Director the occurrence of any natural weather phenomenon which has adversely affected an agricultural operation(s) in the County Office area.

It is each State Director's responsibility to monitor all reported potential natural disasters; to make sure that the SEB has enough information to promptly prepare its disaster reports; and to maintain close liaison with the State Governor's Office regarding all FmHA programs, but particularly the EM loan program and the processes by which counties are designated as natural disaster areas. If these actions are taken, late designation requests would not be submitted to the Secretary; and the denial of late requests, which cause unnecessary poor public relations for FmHA, would be avoided.

Your cooperation in seeing that close liaison is established with each of the Governor's Offices for the State(s) under your jurisdiction, and that good rapport is maintained with those offices, will contribute significantly to a smoother running EM loan program and better public relations.

EXPIRATION DATE: September 30, 1985 FILING INSTRUCTIONS:
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Furthermore, even if a Governor does not make a request to the Secretary, it is the responsibility of each State Director, in accordance with FmHA Instruction 1945-A, Section 1945.20 (c), to notify the National Office and request the Administrator to make EM physical loss loans available, when it is believed that severe physical losses only have been sustained by one or more farmers. In such a situation the County Supervisor should immediately report to the State Director who in turn will advise the Administrator about the matter. Section 1945.19(c)(1) requires that the report must be made to the Administrator within three months after the disaster occurs. This does not mean that, as a rule, the State Director should allow it to take three months to provide the Administrator with the report.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles W. Shuman", followed by a horizontal line.

CHARLES W. SHUMAN
Administrator

Sent by electronic mail on September 20, 1984 at 4:13 by DASD(IMPS).
Please distribute this message immediately to all County Supervisors
and District Directors.